

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

With regard to rodent control work, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of rodent infestation complaints received in the past three years (i.e. in 2010, 2011 and 2012), with a breakdown by district;
- (b) the total number of rodents trapped in 2012 as 55 814 trappings were conducted;
- (c) the Department's expenditure and manpower involved in rodent disinfection work in 2013-14; and
- (d) the Department's special measures to tackle rodent blackspots with higher infestation rates.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

(a)

District	Number of rodent infestation complaints received		
	2010	2011	2012
Central & Western	605	585	528
Eastern	505	453	506
Southern	163	140	139
Wan Chai	372	373	349
Islands	222	137	138
Kowloon City	610	492	414
Kwun Tong	306	242	254
Wong Tai Sin	199	144	126
Sham Shui Po	577	510	547
Yau Tsim Mong	971	858	802
Sai Kung	425	380	378
Sha Tin	261	248	288
Tai Po	322	267	265

North	179	169	172
Kwai Tsing	221	203	131
Tsuen Wan	414	555	447
Tuen Mun	507	480	381
Yuen Long	512	397	513
Total	7 371	6 633	6 378

- (b) The number of rodents trapped in 2012 is 10 402.
- (c) The estimated expenditure involved in rodent control work in 2013-14 is \$152.3 million. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its contractors have a total workforce of about 2 260 in providing pest control services.
- (d) The Department will continue to enhance anti-rodent control work and launch district-specific publicity and educational programmes to promote greater community involvement in rodent control and prevention, in addition to its regular pest control work and annual territory-wide publicity campaigns.

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